

16 to 31 MAY 2026 NBCC CA-200 IMP – For Revision

1. RBI Relaxes Framework for Outward Remittances

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** completely dispensed with the prior approval requirement for non-bank entities to tie up with Authorized Dealer (AD) Category-1 Banks for cross-border outward remittances.
- Eligible entities include fintechs and digital platforms facilitating non-trade current account outward remittances.
- *Static GK Fact:* RBI operates across 34 locations with 5 training establishments; the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** (launched 2004) allows individuals to remit up to \$250,000 annually.

2. RBI Approves Record Surplus Transfer to Government

- The RBI approved a record dividend (surplus) transfer of **₹2.87 lakh crore** (₹2,86,588 crore) to the Central Government for FY 2025-26, marking a 26.42% increase in gross income.
- The Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB) was maintained at 6.5% (approx. ₹1 lakh crore) to manage economic risks.
- *Static GK Fact:* The **Economic Capital Framework (ECF)** was established based on the **Bimal Jalan Committee (2018)** guidelines for surplus transfer and risk buffers.

3. RBI Final Guidelines on Loan Recovery & Device Lockup Rules

- Effective October 1, 2026, loan recovery agents can only contact borrowers between **8:00 AM and 7:00 PM**, must be IIBF-certified, and are banned from using public shaming.
- RBI banned lenders from locking a customer's financed smartphone for defaults unless the loan was explicitly taken to buy that device, requiring a **90-day NPA** threshold before locking.
- *Static GK Fact:* The RBI has the power to cancel Certificates of Registration of NBFCs under **Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934**; unlocking devices post-repayment carries a ₹250/hour penalty if delayed beyond 1 hour.

4. RBI Constitutes Q-SAFE Committee on Quantum Technology

- The RBI formed an 8-member expert committee named **Quantum Secure and Adaptive Financial Ecosystem (Q-SAFE)**.

- The committee aims to evaluate the risks and benefits of quantum applications in the financial sector.
- *Static GK Fact:* The Q-SAFE committee is convened and headed by **Prof. Anil Prabhakar** from IIT Madras.

5. Emirates NBD Acquires Majority Stake in RBL Bank

- **Emirates NBD Bank** will invest approximately \$3 billion (₹26,850 crore) to acquire up to a 74% stake in **RBL Bank**.
- Upon acquiring this stake, RBL Bank will convert from an Indian private bank into a foreign subsidiary bank.
- *Static GK Fact:* This acquisition received clearance from the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**, the RBI, and the Finance Ministry; the UAE is India's 3rd largest trading partner.

6. NSO Revises GDP Data Release Schedule & Latest Data

- The **National Statistical Office (NSO)** revised the annual release date for provisional GDP and Q4 data from the last working day of May to **June 7th** annually.
- NSO data revealed that unregistered/unincorporated enterprises crossed 9.16 crore, a 16.69% YoY growth.
- *Static GK Fact:* NSO is headquartered in **New Delhi** and is chaired by **Prof. Rajeev Lakshman Karatkar**; India officially holds the 6th spot globally in nominal GDP (\$4.15 trillion).

7. RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) 60th Meeting

- The MPC held its 60th meeting under RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, keeping the Repo Rate unchanged at **5.25%** with a "Neutral" stance.
- The GDP Growth Projection for FY 2026-27 was set at 6.9%, with inflation projected at 4.6%.
- *Static GK Fact:* Current Policy Rates: **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) & Bank Rate** are 5.50%, **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)** is 5.00%, **CRR** is 3%, and **SLR** is 18%.

8. RBI Discontinues Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR)

- The RBI discontinued the mandatory **Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR)** rule for commercial banks effective May 18,

directing banks to transfer balances to statutory or general reserves.

- The RBI also decided against activating the **Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB)** due to international economic volatility.
- *Static GK Fact:* Under **Basel III Norms** (to be fully implemented by 2027), Public Sector Banks must maintain a **12% Risk-Weighted Asset Ratio (CRAR)**, while private banks maintain 9%.

9. Banking Law Amendment Act 2025 Key Changes

- Account holders are now permitted to have up to **four nominees** per account for deposits, lockers, and custody articles, with specified succession percentages.
- The maximum continuous tenure limit for Cooperative Bank Directors was increased from 8 years to **10 years**, followed by a strict 3-year cooling-off period.
- *Static GK Fact:* The definition of a "Bank" is established under **Section 5(b) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949**; all banks must migrate to **.bank.in** domains by October 31, 2025.

10. Slice SFB Launches India's First Phygital Branch

- **Slice Small Finance Bank** inaugurated India's first AI-powered "phygital" (physical + digital) bank branch on GS Road, Guwahati, Assam.
- The initiative aims to bring AI-powered digital banking specifically to underserved communities.
- *Static GK Fact:* Slice Small Finance Bank was formerly known as **North East Small Finance Bank**; the original concept of phygital banking in India was initiated by **Bank of Baroda (BOB)**.

11. RBI's UDGM Portal & Depositor Education Fund

- 30 banks (covering 90% of unclaimed deposit values) have been integrated into the RBI's **UDGM (Unclaimed Deposit Gateway to Access inforMation)** portal.
- Funds inactive for over 10 years are strictly handled by the RBI's **Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund**, which recently received over ₹45,000 crore.
- *Static GK Fact:* The UDGM portal was developed by **ReBIT** and **IFTAS**; corporate unclaimed shares/dividends are handled differently by the **IEPF (Investor Education and Protection Fund)** under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

12. PFRDA Reduces Mandatory Annuity for NPS Subscribers

- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** reduced the mandatory annuity requirement for private subscribers from 40% to **20%**.
- Retirees are no longer forced to withdraw 60% as a lump sum; they can now opt for gradual monthly, quarterly, or annual payouts up to the maximum subscription age of 85.
- *Static GK Fact:* PFRDA regulates both the **National Pension System (NPS)** (corpus ₹15.95 lakh crore) and the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** (launched in 2015 for unorganized workers aged 18-40).

13. PM SVANidhi Scheme Extended to 2030

- The **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** scheme, originally ending in 2024, was extended to March 31, **2030** with a new outlay of ₹7,332 crores.
- The scheme provides progressive collateral-free loans of ₹15,000, ₹25,000, and ₹50,000 to street vendors.
- *Static GK Fact:* The scheme is a 100% centrally funded sector scheme managed by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** and the **Ministry of Finance**; timely repayers receive a 7% interest subsidy via DBT.

14. Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rojgar & Aajeevika Act 2025

- This new act officially replaces the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)** with effect from July 1, 2026.
- It guarantees **125 days** of wage employment (up from 100 days), with a dedicated budget allocation of ₹95,692.31 crore.
- *Static GK Fact:* The Central Government covers 100% of the wage bill; funding ratios are **60:40** (Center:State) for general states and **90:10** for North-Eastern/Himalayan states.

15. GDP Projections for India (Morgan Stanley, ICRA, UNDESA)

- **Morgan Stanley** upgraded India's FY27 real GDP growth forecast from 6.2% to **6.7%**, projecting 7% for FY28.
- Conversely, **ICRA** lowered its FY27 GDP forecast from 6.5% to **6.2%** due to West Asia conflicts.
- *Static GK Fact:* The **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)** also lowered India's FY27 projection to 6.4%, estimating a bounce-back to 6.6% in FY28.

16. SEBI Introduces 'Significant Indices' Framework

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** introduced a framework recognizing top benchmarks like Nifty 50 and BSE Sensex as 'Significant Indices'.
- To qualify, an index must have an Asset Under Management (AUM) over **₹20,000 crore** for the last 6 months.
- *Static GK Fact:* The tag is tracked twice a year (June 30 and Dec 31) and is only removed if the AUM drops below ₹20,000 crore for **3 consecutive years**.

17. Cabinet Approves MSP Hike for 14 Kharif Crops

- The Cabinet approved MSP hikes for 14 Kharif crops for 2026-27, with an estimated total payout of **₹2.6 lakh crore** for procuring 824 lakh metric tonnes.
- The highest absolute increases were given to Sunflower seeds (+₹622/quintal), Cotton (+₹557/quintal), and Niger seed (+₹515/quintal).
- *Static GK Fact:* The new MSP for **Paddy** is set at ₹2441 (Grade A: ₹2461), and **Tur/Arhar** is set at ₹8195.

18. IDFC First Bank Launches FD-Backed Business Credit Card

- **IDFC First Bank** launched the "FIRST Business Multiplier Metal Credit Card," a fixed-deposit-backed credit card for founders, entrepreneurs, and freelancers.
- The card features a minimum ₹50,000 credit limit (matching the FD amount), zero forex markup, and a 100% credit limit.
- *Static GK Fact:* **Credit card spending** in India recently rose to ₹23.2 lakh crores according to the RBI Payment System Report (Dec 2025).

19. Prudential PLC Acquires 75% Stake in Bharti Life Insurance

- UK-based global insurer **Prudential PLC** signed an agreement to acquire a 75% stake in Bharti Life Insurance for ₹3,500 crore.
- Bharti Enterprises will retain a 25% ownership stake in the company.
- *Static GK Fact:* This acquisition marks the first major deal since India allowed **100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in the insurance sector.

20. India Assumes Chairmanship of CCDB for Cyber Security

- India assumed the chairmanship of the **Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB)** for a two-year term from April 2026 to April 2028.
- The board focuses on international standards for IT product cyber security.

- *Static GK Fact:* India's representation is handled by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**; the decision was taken at the CCRA (Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement) meeting in Tokyo.

21. RBI Key Appointments: Deputy Governors & Executive Directors

- **Rohit Jain** was appointed as a Deputy Governor of the RBI for 3 years, replacing T. Rabi Sankar.
- **Poonam Gupta** was appointed as the fourth female Deputy Governor in RBI history.
- *Static GK Fact:* **Gunveer Singh** (heading the DPSS) and **Dr. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi** were also appointed as Executive Directors of the RBI.

22. India's Core Sector Growth & IIP Base Year Revision

- India's eight core infrastructure sectors recorded a **1.7% growth** in April 2026, with a cumulative April–March growth of 2.7%.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and NSO revised the base year for the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) from 2011-12 to **2022-23**.
- *Static GK Fact:* The **Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI)** is released by the Office of Economic Adviser (OEA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and accounts for 40.27% of the IIP.

23. NCDEX Launches India's First Weather Derivative Contract

- The **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)** launched India's first SEBI-approved exchange-traded weather derivative contract.
- Launched in collaboration with the IMD and IIT Bombay, the product is named the "**Rain Mumbai Rainfall Futures Contract**" to hedge against rainfall risks.
- *Static GK Fact:* The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** also recently released the "India Heat Wave Atlas 2025" mapping 200 vulnerable districts.

24. SVAMITVA Scheme Presented to World Bank & Extended

- The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad presented the **SVAMITVA** scheme to the World Bank as a successful model for rural governance and property mapping.
- The scheme was officially extended to **September 30, 2026**, with a funding of ₹472 crore, having already mapped 1.89 lakh villages using drones.

- *Static GK Fact:* SVAMITVA stands for "Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas", launched on National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24, 2020).

25. Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) Regulatory Norms Revised

- The RBI assumed direct regulatory powers over **Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)**, making the National Housing Bank (NHB) strictly a monitoring body.
- To qualify as an HFC, **50%** of an entity's total assets must be in housing finance.
- *Static GK Fact:* Ownership of the **National Housing Bank (NHB)** was transferred from the RBI to the Government of India in 2019; the Maximum Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio is capped strictly at 90% for loans up to ₹30 lakh.

26. India's FDI & Trade Targets

- India recorded a record Gross Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of **\$94.5 billion** in FY2025-26, showing a 16.7% growth.
- The Commerce Ministry has set massive targets of **USD 1 Trillion** in exports by 2026 and USD 2 Trillion within 5 years.
- *Static GK Fact:* The Ministry of Commerce reported the European Union (EU) as India's 3rd largest seafood export market in FY26, following the USA and China.

27. BHIM App Transaction Growth & NPCI Innovations

- The **BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money)** app registered a massive **301% transaction volume growth** in FY 2025-26.
- NPCI developed an interoperable **reverse sound box platform**, allowing a single device to support multiple UPI payment apps like PhonePe and Paytm.
- *Static GK Fact:* **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** is the apex body for digital payments; currently, UPI is live in 8 foreign countries including France and UAE, and Cyprus will soon adopt it.

28. SIDBI's New MSME Initiatives & Portals

- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** launched **SIDBI MacFin Mart**, a digital marketplace for MSMEs to acquire modern machinery.
- SIDBI also launched the **MORE Program (Modernisation of Rural Enterprises)** to modernize 10,000 rural micro and artisan enterprises over the next 3 years.
- *Static GK Fact:* SIDBI was established on **April 2, 1990**, is headquartered in **Lucknow**, and is currently headed by Manoj Mittal.

29. RBI Penalties Imposed on Major Banks and NBFCs

- **City Union Bank** was fined ₹10.10 lakh for charging improper fees on PSL agricultural loans under ₹25,000 and failing to provide SHG data to credit information companies.
- **IIFL Finance** was penalized ₹3.10 lakh for violating KYC norms regarding gold loans by failing to return surplus auction amounts to borrowers.
- *Static GK Fact:* **Priority Sector Lending (PSL)** enforces mandatory lending to agriculture and MSMEs; the renewable energy PSL limit was recently increased from ₹30 crore to ₹35 crore.

30. RBI New Rules for Payment Banks & NBFC Scale-Based Regulations

- **Payment Banks** require a minimum capital of ₹100 crore, can accept demand deposits up to ₹2 lakh, but cannot issue loans.
- RBI's **Scale-Based Regulation** classifies NBFCs into Base, Middle, Upper, and Top layers to apply proportional regulatory strictness.
- *Static GK Fact:* Conversion of a Payment Bank to a Small Finance Bank (SFB) requires **5 years of experience** and ₹300 crore capital.

31. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) & PFRDA Awards

- The **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** crossed 9 crore enrollments with a corpus of ₹54,000 crore.
- Top performing banks awarded by PFRDA for APY enrollments include **State Bank of India (SBI)** (116% of target) and **Karnataka Gramin Bank** (142% of target).
- *Static GK Fact:* APY offers a guaranteed monthly pension of ₹1,000–₹5,000 at age 60; PFRDA also formed the **SAARG committee** chaired by Narayan Ramachandran for NPS management.

32. GeM Incorporation Day & GeM Manthan

- The **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** celebrated its Incorporation Day with the announcement of the upcoming 'GeM Manthan' event.
- The theme for the GeM Manthan event is "**Enriching the GeM Marketplace**".
- *Static GK Fact:* GeM was established in **2016** as an online platform for public procurement in India.

33. DPIIT Launches 'Bhavya' Scheme for Industrial Parks

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released guidelines for the **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (Bhavya)** with a ₹33,660 crore central budget.

- The scheme aims to develop **100 investment-ready, world-class industrial parks** (50 in the first phase) over a 6-year period up to 2031-32.
- *Static GK Fact:* Parks require a minimum of **100 acres** (25 acres in hilly states); the **National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)** will monitor the project.

34. LEADS Report & LEAPS Awards 2025 by DPIIT

- The 7th LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) Report and the 4th LEAPS Awards were presented by Union Minister Piyush Goyal.
- **Exemplar states** in logistics included Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, and Delhi.
- *Static GK Fact:* Private Service Provider LEAPS Awards were given to **FedEx (Air Freight), Safexpress (Road), and DP World (Rail)**; organized by the DPIIT.

35. India Post's Record Revenue & Flipkart Partnership

- **India Post** recorded its strongest financial performance in 170 years with a record revenue of **₹15,373 crore** in 2025-26.
- The Department of Posts signed an MoU with **Flipkart India** to strengthen last-mile parcel delivery efficiency across all regions.
- *Static GK Fact:* India Post also features the **DigiPin** system, a postal index system developed by IIT Hyderabad.

36. PM AJAY Scheme & Portal Launch

- Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the **PM AJAY (Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana)** portal and mobile app to digitize and implement the scheme.
- PM AJAY is a centrally sponsored scheme launched in FY 2022 by merging three older programs including the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.
- *Static GK Fact:* Dr. Virendra Kumar holds the portfolio for the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, which also launched the VISHWAS Scheme offering 5% interest subvention loans.

37. XFlow Launches India's First Compliant Cross-Border Stablecoin

- Bengaluru-based **XFlow** launched India's first compliant cross-border stablecoin transfer program tailored for Indian businesses.
- The stablecoin is specifically backed by the **US dollar** to ensure stability.
- *Static GK Fact:* The RBI launched its **CBDC (Digital Rupee)** in Nov/Dec 2022 and has

since expanded the e-Rupee to 35 cities across India.

38. India Assumes IORA Chairmanship & Hosts 10th Dialogue

- India officially assumed the Chairmanship of the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)** for the 2025–2027 term.
- New Delhi hosted the 10th Indian Ocean Dialogue under the theme "**Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World**".
- *Static GK Fact:* The IORA is headquartered in **Ebene, Mauritius**.

39. Henley Passport Index 2026 Rankings

- The Indian passport dropped from 75th in February to **78th globally** on the Henley Passport Index 2026.
- Indian passport holders currently have visa-free or visa-on-arrival entry to **56 countries**.
- *Static GK Fact:* **Singapore** holds the 1st rank (access to 192 destinations), followed closely by Japan and South Korea.

40. 10 Years of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)

- The **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)** completed 10 years, having been introduced in 2016 to resolve corporate distress and NPAs in a time-bound manner.
- The code is strictly regulated by the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**.
- *Static GK Fact:* IBBI is headquartered in **New Delhi** and is currently headed by Chairman **Ravi Mittal**.

41. New Appointments at Telecom & Tech Giants

- **Sunil Bharti Mittal** was reappointed as Chairman of Bharti Airtel for a 5-year term, with Nisaba Godrej as Independent Director.
- **Akash Ambani** was appointed as the first Managing Director (MD) of Reliance Jio Platforms for a 5-year term.
- *Static GK Fact:* **Reliance Industries** recently became the first Indian company to surpass the **\$120 billion revenue mark** in FY 2025-26.

42. Ayush Anudan Portal Launched for Transparent Grants

- Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched the **Ayush Anudan Portal** under the Ayush Grid initiative at Kartavya Path, New Delhi.
- The portal ensures 100% transparency in Ayush grant management, budget allocations, CSR funds, and donation tracking.
- *Static GK Fact:* The portal streamlines the submission, processing, and approval of funding proposals strictly for **Central Sector Schemes**.

43. I4C & Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) MoU

- The **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)** and the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)** signed an MoU to prevent cyber frauds.
- The collaboration will utilize the I4C Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) suspect registry and tools like **MuleHunter.AI**.
- *Static GK Fact:* To further combat digital fraud, the CBI recently launched an AI-powered verification chatbot named "**Abhay**" (or "AB") to verify official notices and prevent 'digital arrests'.

44. Central Bank of India Opens IBU at GIFT City

- The **Central Bank of India** received RBI and IFSCA approval to operationalize an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- This allows the public sector bank to deliver global financial products directly from India's international financial hub.
- *Static GK Fact:* The Central Bank of India recently had its MD position filled by **Kalyan Kumar**; additionally, the Government of India successfully sold an 8% stake in the bank for ₹2,456 crore.

45. India-USA Critical Minerals Framework & Quad Meetings

- The 11th **Quad Foreign Ministers Meeting** was held in New Delhi, chaired by Dr. S Jaishankar, focusing on maritime security and a \$20 billion Critical Mineral Initiative.
- India and the USA established a Critical Minerals Framework to secure the supply chain, mining, processing, and recycling of critical rare earth metals.
- *Static GK Fact:* The **Quad** is a strategic security grouping of four democracies: **India, the United States, Japan, and Australia**.

46. UMMID Program Phase 2 for Genetic Disorders

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched Phase 2 of the **UMMID (Unique Methods of Management and Treatment of Inherited Disorders)** Program under the Department of Biotechnology.
- The program focuses heavily on research, development, and genomic testing to manage and treat rare inherited genetic disorders.
- *Static GK Fact:* Other major health milestones include the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** crossing 100 crore ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) records, which utilize a **14-digit unique health ID**.

47. Project Saksham by NHAI and Vertis Foundation

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Vertis Foundation launched **Project Saksham** under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- The initiative targets rural youth and women near highway corridors, offering vocational training in tailoring, nursing, and business skills.
- *Static GK Fact:* NHAI is headquartered in New Delhi and its Chairman is **Santosh Kumar Yadav**; expected monthly salaries for beneficiaries range from ₹13,000 to ₹16,000.

48. Taiwan's CTBC Bank Opens Branch in GIFT City

- **CTBC Bank** became the first Taiwanese bank to open a branch in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, after receiving approval from Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission.
- This marks CTBC Bank's 3rd branch in India, following its existing branches in New Delhi and Sriperumbudur (Tamil Nadu).
- *Static GK Fact:* **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)** was established in April 2015 as India's foremost operational smart city and international financial services centre.

49. India's First Exchange-Traded Weather Derivative

- The **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)** launched the "Rain Mumbai Rainfall Futures Contract".
- Developed with IMD and IIT Bombay, it is India's first SEBI-approved weather derivative to hedge against rainfall risks.
- *Static GK Fact:* SEBI regulates the commodities derivatives market; NCDEX focuses primarily on agricultural and weather-based commodities.

50. Important Global Indices & India's Ranks

- **World Press Freedom Index (WPFI) 2026:** India ranked 157th out of 180 countries, falling into the 'Very Serious' category.
- **Global Innovation Index:** India ranked 38th;
- **Energy Transition Index:** India dropped to 71st (Sweden ranks 1st).
- *Static GK Fact:* The **Global Peace Index (GPI)** is released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), covering 163 countries, with **Iceland** ranking 1st (safest).

51. India's Unemployment Rate (PLFS April 2026 Data)

- The overall unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 and above stood at 5.2%

in April 2026 according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey.

- The rural unemployment rate was recorded at 4.6%.
- The urban unemployment rate stood at 6.6%.

52. RBI Raises Annual Bond Trading Target

- The RBI raised the annual bond trading target for 21 Primary Dealers to a minimum of ₹4 lakh crore for FY 2026-27.
- This target represents a 48% increase from the previous year.
- The daily trading volume target for 10-year bonds was also elevated by 40%.

53. IEPFA Signs MoU with Prasar Bharati

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati.
- The partnership aims to broadcast nationwide investor awareness campaigns.
- These campaigns will be displayed via scroll messages on Doordarshan.

54. N. Rangasamy Sworn in as Puducherry CM

- N. Rangasamy was sworn in for his 5th term as the Chief Minister of Puducherry.
- The oath of office was administered by Lieutenant Governor Kuniyil Kailashnathan.

55. MP High Court Ruling on Bhojshala Complex

- The Madhya Pradesh High Court issued a ruling regarding the disputed Bhojshala Complex in the Dhar district.
- The court officially ruled that the complex is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati).

56. PMAY-G 'Griha Pravesh' Ceremony

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 'Griha Pravesh' ceremony in Satara, Maharashtra.
- The ceremony marked the completion and inauguration of 5 lakh houses under the PMAY-G scheme.

57. Mizoram Ginger Mission

- The Mizoram Ginger Mission was launched with an approved central government outlay of ₹189.79 crore.
- The mission aims to capitalize on Mizo ginger, which has a 6–8% oleoresin content compared to the 3% global average.

58. Cabinet Approves Scheme for Coal & Lignite Gasification

- The Cabinet approved a ₹37,500 crore outlay to accelerate coal and lignite gasification.
- The national target under this scheme is to gasify 100 million tonnes by 2030.

59. India Plans Oman–Gujarat Undersea Gas Pipeline

- India is planning the construction of an undersea gas pipeline connecting Oman and Gujarat.
- The project is estimated to cost ₹40,000 crore.

60. India's First Mega Greenfield Shipyard

- A tripartite MoU was signed to establish India's first mega greenfield shipyard.
- The shipyard will be located in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- Partners include HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering, NSHIP Tamil Nadu, and Sagarmala Finance Corporation.

61. India's First SME Semiconductor Facility

- Sahasra Semiconductor Pvt Ltd was inaugurated as India's first SME semiconductor facility.
- The plant is located in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, and involves an investment of ₹150 crores.

62. India's AI Combat Aircraft 'Kaal Bhairav'

- "Kala Bhairava" is India's first AI-powered Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV), announced by Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace.
- The aircraft has a range of 3000 km, 30+ hours of endurance, and features both air-to-air and air-to-ground strike capabilities.
- It will be manufactured in Portugal under "Operation 777" to expand global defense manufacturing.

63. Ministry of Ayush Partners with Bhashini

- The Ministry of Ayush partnered with Bhashini to provide multilingual digital healthcare.
- The services will cover 22 different languages leveraging AI-powered language technology.

64. Yoweri Museveni Sworn in as Uganda's President

- Yoweri Museveni, Uganda's longest-serving leader, was sworn in for a historic seventh consecutive term as President.

65. Indian Naval Ships Deployed to Sri Lanka and Malaysia

- INS Sunayna arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka, as part of the 17-nation Sagar Mission.
- INS Sagar Dhvani visited Port Klang, Malaysia, during a South East Asian deployment mission.

66. Deepak Gupta Appointed CMD of GAIL

- Deepak Gupta assumed charge as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited.
- He succeeds Sandeep Kumar Gupta in this Maharatna CPSE leadership role.

67. Hinduja Family Tops UK Rich List 2026

- Indian-origin businessmen Sanjay and Dheeraj Hinduja and family claimed the top spot on the Sunday Times UK Rich List.
- They retained the #1 spot for the 5th consecutive year with an estimated wealth of £38 billion.

68. Paris Saint-Germain Wins French Ligue 1 Title

- Football club Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) won the French professional football Ligue 1 Title.
- This victory marked their 5th consecutive time winning the championship.

69. New Spider Species Discovered in Nagaland

- Two brand new species of spiders were recently discovered in Nagaland.
- The species are named Cheiracanthium intio and Cheiracanthium pensive.

70. Book Release: "Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman"

- A new book titled "Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman" was recently published.
- The book was authored by Vijay Goel.

71. Lok Sabha Women's Empowerment Committee Formed

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla formed a Parliamentary Committee on Economic Empowerment for Women for the 2026-27 term.
- The committee is headed by BJP MP Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari.
- Its objective is to skill women and guide them toward entrepreneurship.

72. Tripura Completes National Deregulation Priority Areas

- Tripura became the first state in India to complete all 51 priority areas under the National Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Initiative.
- The state finished both Phase 1 (23 areas) and Phase II (28 areas) of the initiative.

73. States Felicitated for DigiLocker Integration

- The government felicitated Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Nagaland, and Rajasthan for integrating DigiLocker with citizen services.
- Karnataka integrated 73% of its e-services and recorded the highest number of accounts with over 2.7 crore users.
- Gujarat introduced digital disability certificates for free bus transport.

74. NIOS Launches "To Reach the Unreached" Initiative

- The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) launched the "To Reach the Unreached" initiative.

- The objective is to bring 2 crore out-of-school children back into the formal education system.

75. Defence Infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh

- An Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Manufacturing Centre is being established at a cost of ₹15,000 crore (or ₹15,803 crores).
- A DRDO Core Integration and Flight Testing Centre is also being set up at a cost of ₹2,000 crore.

76. Delhi Mega SHG Mela & Collateral-Free Loans

- Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced collateral-free loans for Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Startups.
- The loans, available up to ₹10 Crore, were announced at the Mega SHG Mela 2026.

77. V.D. Satheesan Appointed Chief Minister of Kerala

- V.D. Satheesan (AICC/UDF) was sworn in as the 13th Chief Minister of Kerala.
- He succeeded Pinarayi Vijayan after the UDF won 102 out of 140 assembly seats.

78. Mahe Tokpo Reldho Irrigation Canal Inaugurated

- Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena inaugurated the Mahe Tokpo Reldho irrigation canal.
- The canal project is located in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

79. PM Modi's Visit to Sweden & Highest Honor

- PM Modi was awarded the 'Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross', Sweden's highest civilian honor.
- He exchanged gifts with PM Ulf Kristersson to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore's 1926 visit to Sweden.
- ISRO and the Swedish National Space Agency also signed an MoU for interplanetary missions.

80. PM Modi's Visit to the Netherlands

- PM Modi signed a Strategic Partnership Roadmap (2026–2030) and 17 MoUs with the Netherlands.
- Leiden University returned 11th-century Chola Dynasty copper plates to India.
- A Letter of Intent on Water Management Cooperation for Gujarat was also signed.

81. Kimberley Process 2026 International Meeting

- India hosted the Kimberley Process 2026 international meeting in Mumbai.
- Led by Piyush Goyal, the summit focused on responsible diamond trade and preventing conflict diamonds.

82. BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting

- A BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting was successfully held in India.

83. India-Afghanistan Custom Laboratory Agreement

- India and Afghanistan signed a Custom Laboratory Agreement.
- The agreement is a \$46 Million pact to enhance trade and customs operations.

84. UN High-Level Meeting on Road Safety

- A High-Level United Nations Meeting on road safety took place in New York.
- The primary goal discussed was to halve road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030.

85. Latvia Nominates New Prime Minister

- Latvian President Edgars Rinkēvičs nominated a new Prime Minister.
- Andris Kulbergs was nominated to take charge of the government.

86. India's Inflation Data for April 2026

- CPI inflation hit a 14-month high of 3.48% in April 2026, remaining within the RBI's 2–6% target band.
- WPI inflation surged to a 42-month high of 8.3%, up from 3.88% in March.

87. India's Trade Deficit Narrows

- India's Trade Deficit narrowed to \$7.81 billion as of April 2026.
- This was a decrease from the previous deficit of \$11.16 billion.

88. Central Bank Gold Reserves Data (March 2026)

- Central banks globally became net sellers of gold for the first time in 10 months, with Turkey selling 60 metric tons.
- Poland emerged as the top buyer, while the RBI maintained its reserves at 880 metric tons.

89. Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) Sub-Committee

- The 33rd FSDC Sub-Committee meeting was held at RBI Headquarters in Mumbai.
- Chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, the meeting focused on inflation, job creation, and agriculture.

90. ICICI Bank Launches India's First USD Debit Card

- ICICI Bank partnered with Visa to launch India's first US Dollar-denominated debit card.
- The card was launched at the IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City.

91. Sugar Export Ban Extended

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) prohibited the export of raw, white, and refined sugar.

- The ban has been officially extended until September 2026.

92. Duty-Free Gold Import Rules Revised

- The DGFT introduced strict rules under the Advance Authorization Scheme to stop the domestic diversion of duty-free gold.
- Exporters face a maximum limit of 100 kg per authorization and must fulfill a 50% export obligation.

93. International Missile Testing (Russia & Pakistan)

- Russia tested the RS-28 Sarmat ("Satan-2") intercontinental ballistic missile, which has a 35,000 km range.
- Pakistan test-fired its indigenous Fatah-4 surface-to-surface cruise missile with a 750 km range.

94. CBI Director Praveen Sood's Tenure Extended

- CBI Director Praveen Sood received a one-year tenure extension.
- The extension allows him to oversee major ongoing cases, including the 2024 and 2026 NEET paper leaks.

95. New High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

- Periyasamy Kumaran was appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.
- He replaced the outgoing ambassador, Vikram Doraiswami.

96. Virat Kohli Achieves 14,000 T20 Runs

- Virat Kohli became the first Indian and sixth player globally to score 14,000 T20 runs.
- He broke Chris Gayle's record for reaching the milestone the fastest.

97. Saudi Arabia to Launch Professional T20 League

- Saudi Arabia announced it will launch its first professional T20 cricket league featuring 6 teams in October 2026.
- Former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh was appointed as the Ambassador of the league.

98. Multiple Mount Everest Records Broken

- 56-year-old Nepali mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa broke his own record by scaling Mount Everest for the 32nd time.
- Lhakpa Sherpa ("Mountain Queen") completed her 11th ascent of Everest, a record for women.

99. Italian Open 2026 Tennis Winners

- In Women's Singles, Elina Svitolina (Ukraine) defeated Coco Gauff to win her 3rd Italian Open title.
- In Men's Singles, Jannik Sinner became the first Italian winner in 50 years by defeating Casper Ruud.

100. Badminton: Baoji China Masters

- Indian shuttler Shreesiyasi Valli Shethi won Silver at the Baoji China Masters.
- She lost in the finals to China's An Qiu Yuan.

101. Book Releases by Shivraj Singh Chouhan & Narayani Basu

- "Apnapan: My Experience with Narendra Modi ji" was authored by Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- "A Man for All Seasons: The Life of K.M. Panikkar" was authored by Narayani Basu and published by The Hindu.

102. PM Modi's Visit to Norway

- PM Modi was conferred Norway's highest civilian honor, the "Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit," by King Harald V in Oslo.
- This marked the first visit by a sitting Indian PM to Norway in 43 years.
- He also attended the 3rd India-Nordic Summit hosted by Norwegian PM Jonas Gahr Store.

103. External Affairs Minister's Caribbean Tour

- Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago.
- The tour aimed to strengthen India's bilateral ties with the Caribbean region.

104. EU Approves Indian Aquaculture Exports

- The European Union released a list making India eligible to export aquaculture products, avoiding a looming ban.
- India successfully ensured its exported seafood is free of antimicrobial medicines.

105. India Rejects Indus Waters Treaty Arbitration

- India rejected a Court of Arbitration ruling on the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty as 'Null and Void'.
- Furthermore, India halted the treaty and approved a ₹2,600 crore project to transfer Chenab basin water to the Beas river.

106. Youngest Prime Minister of Iraq Appointed

- Ali Fali Kadhim Al-Zayadi (also known as Ali Fadhil Khadim Al-Zaidi), aged 40, was sworn in as the youngest Prime Minister of Iraq.
- He replaced Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani.

107. Supreme Court Judges Strength Increased

- President Droupadi Murmu approved an ordinance to increase the total strength of Supreme Court judges.
- The strength was increased from 34 to 38 (comprising 37 judges + 1 Chief Justice of India).

108. Census 2027 Phase 1 Launched

- Phase 1 (house listing and housing census) of India's first fully digital census commenced in 5 States/UTs.
- The official mascots are Pragati (female) and Vikas (male), promoting India's 2047 developed nation goals.

109. PFRDA Extends NPS Subscription Age

- The PFRDA launched a new recruitment/benefit scheme for National Pension System (NPS) retirees.
- The maximum subscription age was extended from 75 to 85 years for both government and non-government subscribers.

110. Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) Growth

- The AVYAY scheme provides shelter, healthcare, and financial security for senior citizens aged 60+.
- The initiative supports India's growing elderly population, which has risen from 1.98 crore in 1951 to 10.38 crore today.

111. Education Ministry Pilot Program via NIOS

- The Ministry launched a pilot program through NIOS in 10 high-concentration districts across 9 states.
- It aligns with the NEP goal of achieving a 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by 2030.

112. India's Defence Exports Hit All-Time High

- India's Defence Exports reached a record ₹38,424 Crore in FY2025-26.
- This registered a massive 62.66% Year-on-Year (YoY) growth.

113. NCB's Operation RAGEPILL

- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) dismantled an international Captagon trafficking network under Operation RAGEPILL.
- They seized 227.7 kg of Captagon valued at ₹182 crore internationally.

114. RBI Penalizes Apnit Technology

- Apnit Technology Pvt Ltd was fined ₹5.80 lakh by the RBI.
- The penalty was for non-compliance with KYC and PPI guidelines regarding small KYC wallets.

115. RBL Bank Acquisition by Emirates NBD

- Emirates NBD received approvals to acquire up to a 74% stake in RBL Bank for USD 3 billion.
- Following the acquisition, RBL Bank will convert from an Indian private bank to a foreign subsidiary bank.

116. TVS Venu Group Acquires Stake in Jana SFB

- TVS Venu Group is acquiring a 9.94% stake in Jana Small Finance Bank (SFB).

- The ₹193 crore deal involves primary warrant and secondary share purchases.

117. Food Corporation of India (FCI) Fund Raising

- The Food Corporation of India will borrow ₹5,000 crore in short-term debt (3 months) from scheduled banks.
- The borrowing includes a green shoe option of ₹2,500 crore.

118. NSE Launches Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR)

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched live trading for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR).
- This enables investors to conduct electronic gold trading directly via Demat accounts.

119. Forex Reserves and Rupee Record Low

- The Rupee closed at a record low of ₹96.35 against the USD on May 18, 2026.
- India's Forex Reserves stood at USD 696.988 billion for the week ending May 8, 2026.

120. Climate Innovation Startup Hub Launched

- The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune launched a Climate Innovation Startup Hub.
- Created under Mission Mausam, the hub invites AI-driven climate startups to innovate.

121. India's First Solar-Powered Algae Tree

- India's first solar-powered algae tree was launched at Swami Vivekananda Park in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- It uses microalgae to absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂) and release oxygen.

122. Advanced Footwear Testing Lab in Ghaziabad

- The National Test House launched an Advanced Footwear Testing Lab in Ghaziabad.
- The lab aims to provide MSMEs with quality assurance testing.

123. First Satellite-Tagged Ganges Soft Shell Turtle

- Assam released its first satellite-tagged endangered Ganges Soft Shell Turtle in the Brahmaputra River at Kaziranga.
- The initiative aims to track its ecosystem in the Brahmaputra basin.

124. WHO Declares Ebola Outbreak a PHEIC

- The WHO declared the Bundibugyo strain Ebola outbreak in Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- Currently, there is no approved vaccine for this specific strain.

125. Andhra Pradesh 'Children are Wealth' Scheme

- With its Total Fertility Rate dropping to 1.5, Andhra Pradesh launched the 'Children are Wealth' Scheme.
- CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced cash incentives of ₹30,000 for a 3rd child and ₹40,000 for a 4th child.

126. Sikkim 51st Statehood Day & Organics Mission

- Sikkim celebrated its 51st Statehood Day, observing its integration as the 22nd state in 1975.
- Jyotiraditya Scindia launched 'Mission Sikkim Organics', a ₹360 crore initiative targeting 66,000 farmer families.

127. West Bengal Cabinet Approves Annapurna Bhandar Scheme

- The West Bengal Cabinet approved the 'Annapurna Bhandar Scheme'.
- It provides a ₹3,000 monthly financial assistance to eligible women, transitioning from the Lakshmi Bhandar scheme.

128. Odisha Inaugurates Nimapara Patha Utsav 2026

- Deputy CM Pravati inaugurated the 'Nimapara Patha Utsav 2026' and 'Utkarsh Nimapara 2.0' in Pune.
- The event's mascot is 'Utkarsh Ghoda', and it aims to connect youth with Pala art and horse dance.

129. Goa Categorizes No Development Zone

- Authorities in Goa categorized Santa Cruz village as a 'No Development Zone'.

130. Saurabh Vijay Appointed CEO of UIDAI

- IAS Officer Saurabh Vijay assumed charge as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- He succeeded Babesh Kumar in the role.

131. GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) Benches Constituted

- GSTAT Benches were constituted under Section 109 of the CGST Act 2017 with a two-tier structure.
- The Principal Bench is in New Delhi, with State Benches in Vijayawada, Raipur, Patna, and Ahmedabad.

132. Asian U15 Boxing Championship 2026

- India secured an impressive 27 medals at the Asian U15 Boxing Championship.
- The medal tally included 9 Gold, 6 Silver, and 12 Bronze.

133. Asian Weightlifting Championship 2026 in Gujarat

- Hosted at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Center in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- India ranked 11th overall with 10 medals (1 Silver, 9 Bronze), while China topped the tally.

134. Actor Ishaan Khatter Receives Honorary Military Membership

- Actor Ishaan Khatter was granted honorary membership by the 45 Cavalry of the Indian Armoured Corps.
- He was honored for portraying Captain Balram Singh Mehta in the movie Pippa.

135. Obituary: Former England Cricket Captain Mike Smith

- Mike Smith, the former Test cricket captain for England, passed away.

136. NPCI's Interoperable Reverse Sound Box Platform

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) developed an interoperable reverse sound box platform.
- This allows a single device to support multiple UPI payment apps, including PhonePe and Paytm.

137. UPI Transaction Growth and Market Share

- The RBI Payment System Report noted India processed 77.6 crore digital payments daily, with UPI accounting for 85.5% of volume.
- PhonePe leads the UPI market share, followed by Google Pay and Paytm.

138. Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Extended

- The Jal Jeevan Mission, initially launched in 2019 to provide 55 litres of tap water per head daily, was upgraded and extended as Mission 2.0.

139. Nagaland Coffee Mission Launched

- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Nagaland Coffee Mission with an outlay of ₹175 crores.
- Under the brand "North East Coffees of Nagaland", the mission targets 50,000 hectares of coffee cultivation by 2047.

140. CBI Launches AI Chatbot 'Abhay'

- The CBI launched an AI-powered verification chatbot named 'Abhay' (or 'AB') on its website.
- Unveiled by Justice Surya Kant, it helps citizens verify official notices to combat cyber frauds and "digital arrests".

141. CIC Rules BCCI is Not Under RTI Act

- The Central Information Commission (CIC) officially ruled that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is a private entity.
- Therefore, the BCCI is NOT covered under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

142. West Bengal Implements 7th Pay Commission

- The West Bengal cabinet approved the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission for state employees.
- This implementation includes the clearance of long-pending arrears to substantially increase salaries.

143. UN Global Forest Goals Report 2026

- Published by UN DESA, the report highlighted a severe decline in global forest cover from 4.18 billion hectares in 2015 to 4.14 billion in 2025.
- This represents an annual net loss of approximately 4.12 million hectares.

144. 79th World Health Assembly Convened in Geneva

- The WHO convened the 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva, themed "Reshaping Global Health, a Shared Responsibility".
- Health Minister J.P. Nadda addressed the assembly, championing the "Health for All" initiative.

145. USA to Host G20 Summit in 2026

- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced the USA will host the 2026 G20 Summit.
- The Foreign Ministers' Meeting will be in Atlanta (October), and the Leaders' Summit in Miami (December).

146. NADA Bans Athletes for Meldonium Doping

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) imposed 3-year bans on athletes Ankit and Jayesh Patil.
- The ban was issued due to their use of the prohibited substance "Meldonium".

147. Dogri-Punjabi Dictionary Released

- A Dogri-Punjabi Dictionary authored by the late Chandan Negi was officially released.
- It was released by Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta.

148. RBI Announces USD/INR Buy/Sell Swap Auction

- The RBI announced a US Dollar/Indian Rupee Buy/Sell Swap Auction of \$5 billion.
- Banks can participate with a minimum bid size of \$10 million and a minimum 3-year tenor.

149. RBI Discontinues IFR and Decides Against CCyB

- The RBI discontinued the mandatory Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) rule, directing banks to transfer balances to statutory or general reserves.
- RBI also decided not to activate the Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) due to international economic volatility.

150. RBI and European Central Bank (ECB) Sign MoU

- The RBI partnered with the European Central Bank (ECB) to enhance central banking cooperation.
- The MoU was signed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and ECB Head Christine Lagarde.

151. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) completely dispensed with the requirement for prior approval for non-banking entities to tie up with Authorized Dealer Category-1 Banks for cross-border outward remittances.

152. Emirates NBD Bank will invest approximately \$3 billion to acquire up to a 74% stake in RBL Bank.

153. CTBC Bank of Taiwan received official approval from Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission to open a new branch in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar.

154. The National Statistical Office (NSO) revised the release schedule for both Annual GDP and Q4 Quarterly GDP Estimates to June 7 annually.

155. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the overall unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 and above stood at 5.2% in April 2026.

156. The RBI raised the annual bond trading target for 21 Primary Dealers to a minimum of ₹4 lakh crore for the 2026-27 financial year, representing a 48% increase from the previous year.

157. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) signed an MoU with Prasar Bharati to broadcast nationwide investor awareness campaigns via scroll messages on Doordarshan.

158. N. Rangasamy was sworn in for his 5th term as the Puducherry Chief Minister, with the oath administered by Lieutenant Governor Kuniyil Kailashnathan.

159. The Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rojgar & Aajeevika Act 2025 officially replaces the MGNREGA with effect from July 1, 2026, guaranteeing 125 days of wage employment.

160. The Madhya Pradesh High Court officially ruled that the disputed Bhojshala Complex in Dhar district is a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi.

161. The Cabinet approved an MSP hike for 14 Kharif Crops for 2026-27, with an estimated total payout of ₹2.6 lakh crore.

162. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the PMAY-G 'Griha Pravesh'

ceremony to mark the completion of 5 lakh houses in Satara, Maharashtra.

163. The Mizoram Ginger Mission was launched with a ₹189.79 crore central outlay to capitalize on the state's ginger, which has a higher-than-average oleoresin content.

164. The Cabinet approved a ₹37,500 crore outlay to accelerate coal and lignite gasification, aiming to gasify 100 million tonnes by 2030.

165. IIM Ahmedabad presented the SVAMITVA Scheme to the World Bank, highlighting it as a highly successful model of rural governance and property mapping.

166. India is planning the construction of an undersea gas pipeline connecting Oman and Gujarat with an estimated cost of ₹40,000 crore.

167. India's first mega greenfield shipyard will be established in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, following a tripartite MoU involving HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering.

168. Sahasra Semiconductor Pvt Ltd was inaugurated as India's first SME semiconductor facility in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, with an investment of ₹150 crores.

169. Union Minister Piyush Goyal presented the 7th edition of the LEADS Report and 4th edition of the LEAPS Awards, recognizing states like Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh as logistics exemplars.

170. India's AI Combat Aircraft 'Kaal Bhairav' will be manufactured in Portugal under "Operation 777" to globally expand Indian defense manufacturing.

171. The Ministry of Ayush partnered with Bhashini for multilingual digital healthcare services covering 22 languages using AI-powered language technology.

172. Yoweri Museveni was sworn in for a historic 7th consecutive term as the President of Uganda.

173. India hosted the 10th Indian Ocean Dialogue in New Delhi and officially assumed the Chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for the 2025–2027 term.

174. Indian naval ships INS Sunayna and INS Sagar Dhvani were deployed to Sri Lanka and Malaysia respectively for strategic regional missions.

175. India's passport ranked 78th globally on the Henley Passport Index 2026, granting visa-free or visa-on-arrival entry to 56 countries.

176. India assumed the chairmanship of the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) for a two-year term starting April 2026.

177. Deepak Gupta assumed charge as the new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Limited.

178. Sunil Bharti Mittal was officially reappointed as the Chairman of Bharti Airtel for a 5-year term.
179. Akash Ambani was appointed as the first Managing Director (MD) of Reliance Jio Platforms for a 5-year term.
180. The Indian-origin Hinduja family claimed the top spot on the Sunday Times UK Rich List 2026 for the 5th consecutive year, with a total wealth of £38 billion.
181. Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) won the French professional football Ligue 1 Title for their 5th consecutive time.
182. Two brand new species of spiders, Cheiracanthium intio and Cheiracanthium pensive, were discovered in the state of Nagaland.
183. A new book titled "Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman" was authored and released by Vijay Goel.
184. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla formed a Parliamentary Committee on Economic Empowerment for Women headed by BJP MP Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari.
185. Tripura became the first state in India to complete all 51 priority areas under both phases of the National Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Initiative.
186. The SVAMITVA Scheme was extended to September 30, 2026, with a funding of ₹472 crore to map rural properties using drones.
187. Project Saksham was launched by the NHAI and Vertis Foundation to offer vocational training, such as tailoring and nursing, to rural youth and women near highway corridors.
188. The government felicitated states including Gujarat, Karnataka, and Kerala for successfully integrating DigiLocker with their citizen services.
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